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SUBJ: HARKIN AMENDMENT: APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA

REF: (A) STATE 227379, (B) BUENOS AIRES 6100, (C) STATE 229273

AS PER INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, I ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT. AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THAT APPOINTMENT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW MORNING (SEPT 21). I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS GOOD POLICY TO TURN PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS ON AND OFF. FURTHER, FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI INDICATED (SEE REF B) THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA INTENDS TO USE AUDIENCE TO GIVE ME NAME OF NEW ARGENTINE AMB TO WASHINGTON AND TO DISCUSS PATRICIA ERB CASE. HENCE, DESPITE UNCERTAINTIES INDICATED IN REF C, I WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD WITH AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT TOMORROW. I THEN CAN HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY AND USE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON HIM IN GENERAL WAY SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG VIEWS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. I WILL NOT TOUCH UPON VOTE IN IDB AND IF HE RAISES ISSUE I WILL REPLY, AS I DID TO MARTINEZ DE HOZ, THAT I AM NOT YET CERTAIN HOW USG INTENDS TO VOTE.

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